Literacy centre for Punjabi language

350. SHRI DHARAMPAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no academy in Delhi for Punjabi language;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would consider the formation of literacy centre for Punjabi language on the lines of Urdu language; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has informed that there is Punjabi Academy established in Delhi for promotion of Punjabi language, Art and Culture. It was set up in 1981.

(b) Doesn't arise.

(c) and (d) Punjabi Academy is already running 15 regular Punjabi teaching centres in different areas of Delhi.

Setting up of institutes of higher learning

351. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up institutes of higher learning to meet the shortage of professionals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (b) During the Eleventh Plan, Government has decided to set up following institutes of higher learning:

— 8 new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). A decision, in principle, has been taken to locate out of the 8 new IITs, one each in Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar and Himachal Pradesh.

— three new Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) of which one has already started functioning at Mohali and two more would come up soon in Bhopal and Thiruvananthapuram. This is over and above the 02 IISERs at Pune and Kolkata which started in the Tenth Plan.

— 20 new Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) are proposed to be set up.

— 7 new Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) in the country, one of these IIMs has already been established in Shillong. Location of the remaining IIMs is yet to be decided in consultation with Planning Commission.

— 2 new Schools of Planning and Architecture (SPAs) at Bhopal, (Madhya Pradesh) and Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh).

— 10 new National Institutes of Technology (NITs).